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Our Cover Picture

Ralph Adams, Star Scout of Troop 361, sponsored by Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spencer, N.C., is the eleventh Scout in this small congregation to receive the PRO DEO ET PATRIA Award. The Rev. Geo. Frederick Schott, Jr. serves as Scoutmaster of the Troop and was the first Scouter in the State of North Carolina to win the church award. The troop was five years old in January and has produced five Eagle Scouts in addition to the eleven PRO DEO ET PATRIA award holders.

The model church pictured on the front cover was made by Ralph, under the supervision of his pastor, and shows the present church with the proposed Educational Building. It is made to exact scale of 1/8 inch equal to one foot. This model has been used to stir up interest in the building program.

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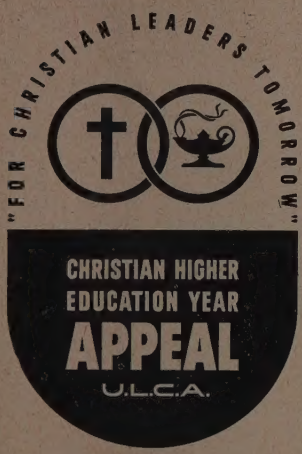

'wo great heroes

and out in American history. In pite of the debunkers, Washington nd Lincoln have not lost their lace in the affections of mankind. oth were men of courage, disre- arding personal safety in the inter- sts of what they believed to be the ght. It was moral courage as much s it was physical courage. They ere men of vision seeing much urther ahead than their contem- oraries. We always need men like iat to lead our democracies. They ust not be hemmed in by the nar- ow horizons of the immediate pres- nt. They dare not sell eternity for me. They were men of prayer. Both ere regular church attendants. The icture of Washington kneeling in rayer at Valley Forge is known to very American. It truly symbolized is life. During a critical hour in ie War between the States, Lincoln sent for Henry Ward Beecher, then pastor in Brooklyn. He came and was let into the White House secret- ly and the great preacher and the gaunt man of the people spent most of the night on their knees in pray- er. It is good for us to pause in the rush of this new half-century to venerate these two great Americans and to pray that something of their courage, their idealism and their faith may be given to our national leaders and to each of us.

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This is the greatest thing the Lord ever required of his soldiers—to wit- ness. —*W. W. Melton*

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President Fry

of our ULCA has accepted the post of chairman of the Committee on Cooperation with the Churches in Europe of Church World Service. This committee coordinates the re- lief work of the American churches in Europe. Both President Fry and Secretary Reinartz are playing in- fluential roles in the planning for the new Council of Churches that will replace the Federal Council. It is greatly to be hoped that the con- stitution which will be adopted will be of such character that the Luther- an churches now belonging to the World Council will feel free to join as full members. Present indications point in that direction. If this results it will be largely owing to the states- manlike action on the part of our chief officers.

A Rara Avis

Mazie V. Caruthers

My father must have been a most
Unhappy little boy,
Because he says he never did
The things I most enjoy;
He can't remember that he once
Played hooky while at school,
Or ran away to join the rest
Around the swimming pool.

He knew his lessons perfectly
And never told a lie;
He always washed behind the ears,
And brushed his teeth! Oh, my!
He surely was an angel child;
Somethimes I wonder how
It happens (since good boys die young)
That father's living now!

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"More Than Bread"

is a new book by Rev. Frank B. Herzel on the rural church. Expecting to give it a little more than a "skim" I found it so hard to lay down that I read it through in one evening. Perhaps my interest was founded in the fact that I grew up in the country and my first church was also rural. As the title indicated the author does not believe that the rural church dare confine its mission to economic and social betterment. At the heart of the pastor's work are the very things by which the church must rise or fall: "a thorough theology, guidance of vital public worship, and the educational procedures of the church." In clever paraphrase, he continues, "Without these the minister must say, 'Though I speak with the tongues of economics and sociology — though I can milk, make hay and run a tractor — if I have not mastered the very essence of the church's life, I am nothing.' " Having established these fundamentals, the writer gives a searching analysis of the rural church as it is to be found in every part of the nation. He finds it sadly lacking in a sense of mission, first to the life of the people and then to the total community. He makes a plea for work among tenants, migrants and newcomers into the more or less closed society in the usual rural community. He suggests a bonus for rural pastors, depending on their length of service and effectiveness. He feels that this would help make an end to the use of the rural church as a stepping-stone to town and city churches. His chapter on the need for consolidation of churches in over-churched communities may shock some of the brethren, but the question must be faced. Altogether "More Than Bread" is good reading and its readers should not be confined to rural pastors and laymen. It should be required reading for every seminary student. Muhlenberg Press is the publisher.

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American Missions

are the emphasis for this month. It would seem unnecessary to plead for interest in the building and nurture of missions in our country. We are awaking to the fact that the basic principle for the expansion of democracy in our world is to make it work at home. The same principle applies to the Christianizing of American life. When little more than half of our citizens have even nominal church memberships, Roman, Jewish and Protestant, the field for evangelization is clearly before us. We have an increasingly mobile population. The scattering of industry from great cities into smaller communities has added to the need for new churches. Even rural communities are seeing new houses going up and more and more city folks are moving in. Every possible dollar that can be placed in the hands of our American Board of Missions will be a good investment for the future of America, and that means, of the world.

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A farmer and a professor were sitting side by side in a train getting very bored.

The professor said: "Let's have a game of riddles, I will give you a dollar if I can't answer your question and you can give me a dollar if you can't aswer mine."

The farmer said, "You've had more education than, I, so let me give you just fifty cents."

"O.K.," agreed the professor. "What is your question?"

"What has two legs that walk and three legs that fly?"

"I don't know," said the professor. "Here is your dollar. What is the answer?"

"I don't know either," said the farmer. "Here's your fifty cents."

—Builder

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Finland

"definitely is not behind the Iron Curtain," in the opinion of Dr. Taito A. Kantonen, professor of systematic theology at Hamma Divinity School in Springfield, O., who went to Finland in May as a commissioner from the U.S.A. Committee for the Lutheran World Federation.

"The freedom of thought and speech in Finland is astounding," Dr. Kantonen said in a report to the National Lutheran Council here. "There is open criticism of Communism, not only in private conversation but also in the press and on the floor of Parliament. They naturally seek to avoid provoking their eastern neighbor to wrath, but there is no fawning or kow-towing."

Noting "quite a change of atmosphere" between Finland and Germany, Dr. Kantonen said the material conditions are poorer and the mental attitude more dejected in Germany. "But there are definite signs of improvement in both countries," he added.

He observed that the people of Finland, "in general, are remarkably cheerful and optimistic," and that during the past year "they have taken long strides toward economic recovery."

The pastor of a little church in Vermont was famous all over the state for the fact that every one of his sermons lasted exactly twenty-two minutes. Then one unfortunate Sunday the sermon lasted three quarters of an hour.

At dinner his mortified wife asked him what had gone amiss.

"It was one of those things," said the pastor moodily. "My secret device was to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before beginning my sermon. It melted in exactly twenty-two minutes. Then I knew it was time to stop. This morning I was talking for over forty minutes before I realized my cough drop was a suspender button." —Builders

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"Preaching from the Propers"

by Dr. Harry F. Baughman are the Knubel-Miller lectures for 1949. Dr. Baughman is professor of preaching at Gettysburg Seminary. He advocates expository preaching and makes clear that this is a method of preaching the Word and does not depend on the length of the text. Included with the assigned lessons for each Sunday, Dr. Baughman shows how to use the Introit, Collect, and Gradual so that a unified message will result. He not only lays down the principles but gives examples in detail, based on the Propers for three Sundays in Lent and the Sunday after Easter. Dr. Baughman has made a unique and effective addition to the almost numberless books on preaching. This is a Muhlenberg Press publication.

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The man who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth rarely makes much stir with it.—Builders.

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Mrs. Agnes Meyer wrote an article in a recent issue of Look Magazine giving her reactions to the present situation in American Protestantism. To sum up her conclusions, she feels that the Protestant Churches must do the following:

1. Forget their theological squabbles and subordinate their differences to broad concepts of service to all their fellow-citizens.

2. Clean out the bureaucracy in the Protestant national organizations.

3. Undertake interdenominational programs for youth activities on a community-wide basis.

4. Work together throughout the community to strengthen family life.

5. Overhaul the system of religious education.

6. Revive the indomitable spirit once characteristic of the Protestant movement.

There is much to challenge Protestant churchmen in her article. Her diagnosis is much better than her prescription. When she begins with "forget theological differences" she suggests a superficial solution. Nor is the charge of "bureaucracy" supported by any evidence she offers. Protestants can work together toward commonly accepted aims. They must. They can without compromise of doctrinal convictions.

JUDGE SPECKMAN CONFERS EAGLE AWARD

Eagle Scout Thomas Shaver is a member of Troop No. 9 sponsored by the Brotherhood f the First Lutheran Church, Louisville, Ky. The presentation of the Eagle Award was made t the regular morning worship service on October 16, 1949.

Judge Speckman responded to our quest with a detailed report about roop 9. We regret that lack of space ill prevent our giving you his com- lete story. The following from Brother Speckman will be of interest to Pastors and Brotherhoods who are contemplating a Boy Scout Troop in their congregation.

"Troop No. 9 sponsored by the

Brotherhood of the First Church in May, 1947, and has been in continuous operation since then as a missionary project of the Brotherhood. The troop was organized from the downtown community, a housing project about eight blocks from the church. It is a very thriving troop and has been the means of bringing into the confirmation class nine of its members, and has increased the attendance in our Sunday School by about forty members. Naturally the families of the boys have been attracted to the church, and have joined the church. Its membership includes Catholics and members of other Protestant Churches. Thomas Shaver, who was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge, is a member of the Baptist Church.

In July of 1948 the scoutmaster, Dr. Kohler, suffered a nervous breakdown and it was necessary for me to take over temporarily until a scoutmaster was obtained, which was done last June by a member of the church, Mr. August A. Brian, who has a boy in the troop. The committee from the Brotherhood is composed of Robert Wartschlager, James Huffman, son of the pastor, Warren Bolich, Lloyd Rosenberger, Joe West, and yours truly. I am serving as Institutional Representative and am also Vice-Chairman of the Tap-A-Wingo District, which is the downtown district of the Louisville Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

My association with these boys has been very pleasant and although I scarcely have the time to spare, I have been giving it gladly because of the missionary aspect of its work. We have twenty-five active members in the troop. A number of them are working on the **Pro Deo et Patria** award. Those in our church, of course, are trying for that award and those in the other Protestant churches are trying for theirs, and the three Catholic boys are striving for theirs."

NOTICE

The 1950 Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (The tentative dates for the meeting are October 1 - 3, 1950).

This will be a delegated convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. The following regulations will govern the election of official Synodical and Congregational delegates:

A. Only those Congregational Brotherhoods which have paid their 1949 or 1950 ULCA membership dues not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood Convention shall be entitled to send delegates.

B. A registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate shall accompany the Synodical and Congregational delegate registration blanks to Brotherhood Headquarters.

Presidential Message

Dear Brethren:

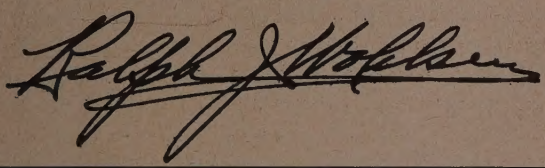
The C.H.E.Y. appeal is showing every indication of success. All that is now needed to assure success is 100% cooperation of EVERY Brotherhood member.

So that there is no misunderstanding, concerning my previous letters and remarks about C.H.E.Y., the organization of the Men of the Church through the Brotherhood is NOT a SEPARATE organization — The BROTHERHOOD is an AUXILIARY — never the MAIN BODY. Thus your Synodical, Conference, District or Congregational Brotherhood leaders or chairman or committees ONLY OPERATE IN THIS EFFORT BY OFFERING THEIR SERVICES TO THE REGULAR C.H.E.Y. organization in their respective territories and follow their directors, to accomplish their aims, in accordance with their program and their timetable.

We must ALL cooperate as above set forth — then the indicated success of C.H.E.Y. will become a reality.

Let's roll up our sleeves and go to work!

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,



The Executive Secretary's MONTHLY MESSAGE

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER,
Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna.

Ash Wednesday – February 22

The Lenten Season affords a unique opportunity for our brotherhoods to put forth a special effort to promote the spiritual objectives for our organization. It is needless to state that every pastor will be eager to utilize the brotherhood as well as the other societies of the church in deepening the prayer life, and the fostering of Christian Stewardship and Evangelism among its members.

The chief task of the Brotherhood is the carrying out of its spiritual objectives — (1) Win the unsaved for Christ, (2) Bring back the lapsed member, and (3) Increase the at-

tendance of men at the church service. These objectives, emphasizing personal Christian service, provide the motive for the pre-Lenten visitation in hundreds of congregations. These visitations are conducted by the local brotherhood and personal calls are made at the homes of the inactive and lapsed members. The unchurched and new families in the neighborhood are also invited to attend the Lenten services and to unite with the congregation at the Easter Season. One brotherhood reported twelve adult accessions as the result of last year's visitation.

Why not discover for yourself what a real thrill comes from a few hours spent in visiting your congregation and community to bring those on the outside into a vital relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Inter-Lutheran Topics

Is your Brotherhood using the 1950 Inter-Lutheran Brotherhood Topics? Hundreds of successful Brotherhoods have discovered that these topics provide the answer to the question — "What Shall We Do at Our Monthly Meetings?" These informal topic presentations by your own members make it unnecessary to engage "outside" speakers who usually discuss secular matters not directly related to the work of the Kingdom.

No congregation brotherhood can fulfill its destiny as a Christian Men's Organization without a church-related program. Hundreds of our outstanding Brotherhood leaders are a living testimonial to the benefits that are derived from the LUTHERAN MEN topics.

Your Brotherhood members will be better churchmen TOMORROW — if they are using the topics TODAY

1950 Membership Cards

Did you receive your 1950 card? If not, ask your Brotherhood Secretary why you have not received it.

The past month has found Brotherhood Headquarters a bee-hive of activity with the requests for 1950 membership cards exceeding all previous records.

These individual cards are printed to fit a standard card case. The "Ten Objectives" are listed on the reverse side of the cards which are supplied free of charge in sufficient quantities for distribution to every member of your congregational brotherhood.

Brevities

● **Brotherhood Loyalty Month** should quicken the spiritual lives of our Brotherhood members so that they will become more efficient witnesses for Christ. To this end, I would suggest the following:

(a) **Preach Christ** — then live the Christian life.

(b) **Win others** — then train them to be evangelists.

(c) **Bring Back the Lapsed Members** — then give them something to do in the church.

(d) **Read your Bible Regularly** — hen pray without ceasing.

(e) **Put God First** — then provide neans to carry on His work.

If we are to realize the aforenentioned spiritual objectives, we nust use the **Brotherhood Loyalty Months** to achieve our goals. They hould include: (1) Payment of your nembership dues; (2) A 20 percent gain in the membership of your organization; (3) A 20 percent increase n your LUTHERAN MEN subscriptions.

● **C H E Y** — Our Synodical and Congregational Brotherhoods are waiting the word that will launch hem into the CHEY Appeal. These aymen will work under the direction of the U.L.C.A. CHEY committees. We will also be ready to ive a final push to the L.W.A. Appeal after C.H.E.Y. is completed.

● **1950 Convention** — Now is the ime to elect your Congregational rotherhood delegate(s) to the eventeenth Biennial Convention of he ULCA Brotherhood to be held in he Hotel Montrose, Cedar Rapids, owa, October 1-2-3, 1950. The local ommittee under the capable leadership of Brother Rodney C. Berger is naking elaborate plans for the entertainment of our delegates and isitors next October.

● **Church Councilmen** — You vill have a better understanding of our duties and responsibilities after reading the series of books prepared especially for you. Three have already been prepared thus far and another is in course of preparation. They are: **Forty Thousand Strong,** by Dr. Bagger; **The Deacon and Worship,** by Dr. Traver; and **The King's Business,** by William and Robert Stackel. Order from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

● **Our apologies** — We are sorry that the extra space allotted to Boy Scouting this month made it necessary to omit the reports of various Synodical Conventions. These reports will appear in a later issue of LUTHERAN MEN.

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A HAPPY GROUP AT CAMP NAWAKWA!

Retreats have their lighter moments too, as these members from Holy Comforter Brotherhood, Baltimore, Md. can testify. The Third Annual Retreat of the Maryland Synodical Brotherhood was held at Camp Nawakwa Sept. 10-11, 1949.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY – February 12, 1950

THEME — "Strengthen the Arm of Liberyt" — Leviticus 25:10

Dear Friends of Scouting:

An increasing number of our United Lutheran congregations are developing the physical, mental and spiritual growth of their boys through the Brotherhood sponsored program of Scouting.

It is the sincere hope of The Boy Scout Committee that our pastors and church councilmen will join hands in the observance of Scout Sunday on February 12th. Most desirable is a recognition of the occasion at the regular worship service, regardless of whether or not your congregation sponsors a Boy Scout Troop.

There are boys in every congregation and in every community. It is for them that Scout Sunday is set apart. Let's make it a day that the boys will remember — a day that will point up the fact that their congregation IS concerned about them in a specific way.

The accentuation of spiritual values and blending of Scouting into the program of the Church is the goal of the Scout Sunday observance.

"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" — Leviticus 25:10, is the hallowed inscription on the historic Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. Our Nation's Shrine of Freedom has provided the inspiring 1950 slogan for The Boy Scouts of America — **"Strengthen the Arm of Liberty".** This will be the theme for our ULCA Boy Scout observance on Sunday, February 12th. culminating a thrilling week (February 5th - 12th) of national ceremonies in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of The Boy Scouts of America.

Undergirding our free way of life, are vital religious convictions that should be laid upon the hearts of Scouts, Scouters and the congregation alike on this important occasion. Since liberty is a spiritual concept rooted in religion, the theme **"Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" — b**ased on Leviticus 25:10 — can very appropriately be adapted for a sermon outline at the regular worship service of the congregation.

Here are a few suggestions respectfully offered to assist you in arranging your Scout Sunday observance:

1. (a) Invite all units of your Boy Scout family to attend the worship services on Scout Sunday.

   (b) Even though your Church is not parent to Scout Units you, no doubt, have many who are in Scouting in units connected with other institutions.

   (c) It would be impressive to have them in uniform and seated in pews reserved for them in the front of the Church.

(d) Use your Sunday Church bulletins to inform the congregation about your plans for Scout Sunday. You may wish to include an appropriate message of appreciation for what Scouting is doing for your local church and community.

2. If it is not out of harmony with the practices of your congregation, it would be very desirable to have your Scouts and Scouters present a short program similar to the one suggested as a part of your regular worship service on Scout Sunday.
3. If there are Boy Scouts who have fulfilled all of the requirements for the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award, it would be appropriate to make the presentations at the worship service on Scout Sunday. Be sure that all arrangements for securing the Award have been completed in advance.
4. During Scout Week your boys should be encouraged to do some missionary work in going out to bring the unchurched boys of the community into the Troop, and by that means into the Sunday School and Church.
5. Boy Scout Sunday could also be the occasion for a Church Investiture Ceremony for all new Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers of your parish who have not been publicly invested during the year.

Since it is the desire of many pastors to arrange their own programs we are merely including a general outline of Boy Scout participation which may be adapted for use at one of your worship services on February 12th or any other Sunday during February. Regardless of whether you prefer ot emphasize Scouting at your chief service or at a vesper service, the important thing is to recognize the value of bringing our uniformed Scouts and Scouters to Church in a group.

Space will not permit us to enumerate the many reasons for a Scout Sunday obserance. However, these pertinent benefits should be a sufficient reward for your effort in arranging this sevice:- (1) a renewed interest by your congregation in supporting our program of developing Lutheran churchmen and Christian citizens to dedicate themselves to the principle of a free church serving a free people; (2) Your Scoutmaster and Troop Committee will be encouraged to continue their unselfish service to your Lutheran boys; and (3) your Scouts will be strengthened in their loyalties to their congregation when they are assured of your interest in their welfare.

Please write to ULCA Boy Scout Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for information to organize a Scout Troop, also free Scouting packet, which contains the **"Scouting in the Lutheran Church"** manual and application blanks to enroll your Scouts as candidates for the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award.

Earle W. Bader, Director

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR SCOUT SUNDAY

February 12, 1950

CHURCH CALL ..... Troop Bugler

(This is the signal for Scouts to come forward in good order from reserved seats in front pews—face audience).

FLAG CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Congregation

(Color guard may present Flags — Boy Scout may lead the Pledge).

To the Flag of the United States

"I pledge allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

To the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands, one Brotherhood uniting all mankind in service and love."

PRAYER ..... Boy Scout

"Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, make us worthy of all our blessings, of our parents, our homes, our schools, our Church, and our Country. Lead and guide us in our recreation and our work, that it all may redound to to Thy Glory. Amen."

SCOUT PROMISE AND LAW ..... Boy Scout

TALK: **"The Pro Deo et Patria** Award" ..... Scouter

VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL SELECTION ..... Boy Scout

SERMON: "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" ..... The Pastor

SONG: "Onward Boy Scouts, Onward" ..... Boy Scouts

(To the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers")

Onward, Boy Scouts, onward
Brothers for the right;
Live our Scout Laws, gladly,
Onward in their light
Let the oath of Loyalty
Mark our trail each day;
So this legend guide our journey
"Be Prepared", always!

Live the life of Honor,
Word that Truth designed;
Loyal be and helpful,
Friendly, courteous, kind;
Practice now obedience,
With a cheerful part,
Thrifty, brave and clean completely
Reverent in heart.

(CHORUS)

Onward, Boy Scouts, onward
Brothers for the right;
Live the Scout Laws gladly,
Onward in their light!

RECESSIONAL ..... The Organist

The Scout Promise

"On my honor I will do my best;
To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy	A Scout is Courteous	A Scout is Thrifty
A Scout is Loyal	A Scout is Kind	A Scout is Brave
A Scout is Helpful	A Scout is Obedient	A Scout is Clean
A Scout is Friendly	A Scout is Cheerful	A Scout is Reverent

N.B. Please note that Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts or Explorers may be used in this program.

Lutheran Scouting Committee Meets

By Earle W. Bader, Director, ULCA Boy Scout Committee

Representatives from the United States and Canada attended the Annual Meeting of The Lutheran Committee on Scouting which was held at the Gardner Hotel in Fargo, N. D., on October 27, 1949. This Committee serves all of the National Lutheran Church Churches with unofficial membership from the Missouri Synod.

Chairman Rev. C. Oscar Leonardson presided at the meeting and Mr. S. H. Holstad, National Lutheran Scout Director, presented the biennial report. Here are a few highlights in this report:

Canadian Members

In November, 1947 The Lutheran Committee on Scouting made the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award available to Canadian Scouts. Mr. W. L. Currier, Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, obtained official approval for granting the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award in Canada on the same conditions as in the United States. The Award will be administered by our committee. Any Canadian Scout granted the citation may wear on his uniform the "Religion and Life Badge", and he may wear the medal on his civilian clothes.

The American Lutheran Church — Augustana Lutheran Church — Evangelical Lutheran Church — Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod and The United Lutheran Church in American have Canadian members serving on the Lutheran Committee on Scouting. Twelve applications for the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award have been received from Scouts of Troop 1, members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (ULCA), Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

Pro Deo et Patria Award

After lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that Pastors and Scouters should be discouraged from applying for the Award. The Committee feels that the best interests of Scouting will be served if the Award is restricted to Boy Scouts.

As of October 20, 1949, 3913 applications have been received for the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award and 672 citations and medals have been granted.

Synodical Classification

Church Body	Applications Received	Awards Granted
American Lutheran Church	369	75
Augustana Lutheran Church	477	82
Evangelical Lutheran Church	1074	174
Lutheran Free Church	30	4
Missouri Synod	341	52
Suomi Synod	3	0
United Ev. Lutheran Church	25	1
United Lutheran Church in America	1551	284
Not Classified	43	0
Totals	3913	672

The Rev. Franz A. Victorsen, Des Moines, Iowa, was named to prepare a revision of the Presentation Ceremony to insure a more dignified presentation of the Award at Church Worship Services.

Publicity and Promotion

During the past biennium the following material was published:

"SCOUTING SERVES THE CHURCH ..... 40,000 copies
"A COMMUNITY SCOUT TROOP", by Dr. H. F. Kilander ..... 10,000 copies
"THE STORY OF THE TWELVE MILLIONTH BOY SCOUT" .....10,000 copies

During the coming biennium it will be necessary to publish a fourth edition of the manual **"Scouting in the Lutheran Church"** and other material to replenish our diminishing supply of folders and other material.

Scout Camp Chaplains

In response to numerous requests for a Protestant Chaplain at summer camps the Committee trained eight Lutheran Seminary Seniors as Scout Camp Chaplains during 1949. These Chaplains served in Scout Camps located in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

This service, which was in the nature of an experiment, proved so successful that requests for Protestant Camp Chaplains have been received from Scout Councils in all parts of the country. A series of Area Chaplaincy Training Seminars will be held at geographically situated Lutheran Theological Seminaries this year.

The total cost of the Chaplaincy Service operations for the 1948-49 season ncluding the seminars, traveling and administration expenses, literature, ervice programs and Chaplain's salaries, amounted to $2560.21. The utheran Brotherhood Insurance Society contributed $2500.00 to promote he Scout Camp Chaplaincy program. Other contributions received to date nclude: Saint Paul Committee on Scouting, $140.00; Minneapolis Circuit Brotherhood (ELC) $100.00; Brotherhood of Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, $10.00; Gethsemane Church (Augustana) Hopkins, $25.00; First utheran Church, Columbia Heights, (L.F.C.), $10.00; Vermillion Circuit Brotherhood (ELC) $45.00.

Officers

Mr. W. F. Weiherman (SMo) was elected to serve as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing biennium. Rev. C. Oscar Leonardson (Aug.), the etiring Chairman, received a well-deserved vote of appreciation for his ervices. The responsibilty of directing the manifold activities of The utheran Committee on Scouting will remain in the capable hands of our eloved Mr. S. H. Holstad, Minneapolis, Minn., who carries the title of National Lutheran Scout Director.

Cooperation in Findlay, Ohio

The fifth annual Reformation Rally o be sponsored by the Findlay Area Lutheran Men's League drew n attendance of nearly 1,000 this ear. The rally was held on Sunday vening, October 30, in the Findlay igh school auditorium. Nine ULCA ongregations and six ALC congre- ations participated. A choir of over hundred voices sang two anthems nd led in the singing of the liturgy f the Chief Service.

The Findlay Area Men's League raws from a five county area. Fred ohlke of St. John's (ULCA) Church f Findlay is the president. The eague is directed by an executive ouncil composed of two representa- ives from each of the Brotherhoods the area. It also sponsors a fellow- ip supper in the spring and carries on other activities. An area Lutheran Leadership Training School is under consideration.

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Copies

of the CHEY motion picture, THE DIFFERENCE, are now in the hands of the Synodical distributors, reports Henry Endress, ULCA Stewardship Secretary. Nearly 200 films have been sent to the various synods for use during the next three months. Synodical distributors are arranging schedules for showing in every congregation of the church during the first three months of 1950. Colorful circulars describing the movie have been sent to each synodical distributor and will be available to each congregation for mass distribution several weeks prior to the showing of the film.

The Brotherhood In Action . . . .

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Evangelize—

(2) Deepen and Encourage the Spiritual and Intellectual Life of Men

This article is another in a series on the uniform Ten Objectives of the U.L.C.A. and other Lutheran Brotherhoods affiliated with the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

This second objective gives the fundamental reason for all Brotherhood activity. A virile men's organization must be built upon a firm spiritual and intellectual foundation. But how can this be done? Here are some suggestions:

1. Open each Brotherhood Meeting with a well prepared devotional service.. Make worship important. Let the laymen conduct it. They learn by doing.

2. The program or topic should contribute something towards the spiritual life of men. Secular topics have their place in Service Clubs, not on church programs. It may be interesting to hear an authority tell how bricks are made, but it is more necessary to learn how to live a Christian life. To make a Brotherhood program entirely social is equally unwise. The fundamental purpose of the Church and all its organizations, is to build the spiritual lives of its members.

3. Bring information about the Church to the men through the topics. Men need to know the who work of the whole church.

4. Sunday School Bible Class should be supported. Men gro spiritually by being active in th Church School; they can serve officers and teachers. Efforts shoul be made to bring the men into th Men's or Adult Bible Class to stud the Word of God from whenc cometh our sipritual strength.

5. Ask the pastor or qualified la man to conduct study classes on th Bible or study books recommende by the Church.

6. Promote family and private de votions. The Church has provide many helps, such as books, devo tional booklets, etc.

7. Organiže and promote Leade ship Training Classes. The Paris and Church School Board will giv guidance when requested.

8. Solicit subscriptions for churc perodicals, such as **Lutheran Me The Lutheran, The Parish Schoo Magazine,** etc.

9. Dramatize Bible stories or giv plays that are spiritual or intelle tual in nature.

10. The Brotherhood can be of rea service by distributing leaflets an circulars which are provided by th church. Procure tracts from th agencies of the Church and wisel distribute them to all the familie in the congregation.

11. Promote the causes of th

hurch, for they have a tremendous ducational value. For instance, hen an appeal for Lutheran World ction is presented, people should told what the funds are accomishing and the needs that exist. Where people are well informed, pport is always given.

2. Use sound motion pictures, film rips, slides, and other visual aids, ade available by the Church.

3. Use wire or tape recorders to bring convention and conference addresses to the men.

14. Observe anniversaries and special events, such as Reformation Day, Brotherhood Sunday, Boy Scout Sunday, Brotherhood Retreats, etc.

15. Every Member Visitations and Evangelism Programs deepen and encourage the spiritual and intellectual lives of visitors and prospects.

16. Get men to serve anywhere in the church.

THE CHURCH TROOP COMMITTEE MEETS!

According to the By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America, each chartered Unit of the oy Scouts of America shall be under the supervision of a Unit Committee, consisting of ree or more male citizens of the United States, twenty-one years of age or over, selected y the institution with which the Unit is connected . . . one of whom shall be designated chairman.

Members of the Committee are representatives of the parent Church sponsoring the oop and as such they transmit and interpret to the leader the rules, regulations or requireents of the Church. They also inform the Church as to the program growth and developent of the Troop, Pack or Senior Unit.

LUTHERAN BOY SCOUTS

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director

Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylva
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

Boy Scout Anniversary Week

will be celebrated throughout America February 5th - 12th.

This will be the 40th Anniversary of the Boy Scout movement and will have as its inspiring slogan, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty", based on Leviticus 25:10, a part of which reads as follows: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof", the hallowed inscription on the immortal Liberty Bell enshrined in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In these times of uncertainty we need to give much attention on how to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty". A free church in a free state has made America what it is today.

Suggestions for the observance of Boy Scout Sunday, February 12, have been sent to pastors and Scout leaders. With the aid of these suggestions you can easily plan an effective program. Vary it to suit your requirements but please do have a special service at this time.

Appropriately, Scout Sunday falls on Lincoln's birthday this year. This immortal American by his life and writings has contributed much to our American Way of Life.

The only raw material out of which good men can be made are good boys. Has our Church be giving enough attention to t boys? Let us have thousands services throughout our Church February 12th at which the nurtu of young citizens will be featured

Write and tell us about succes ful services you had. Include ph tographs and other particulars that we can pass your ideas alo to others.

The Scout Program

has been fully authorized by o Church to be used in the traini of our boys. The program includ the best thoughts of youth leade over a period of forty years. make it still more functional o church leaders have designed a of religious requirements to par lel the Scout requirements in ord to link up the work of Scouting ev more closely with our Church. The requirements constitute the **Pro D et Patria** Award. Brotherhood lea ers and pastors are urged to lead young Scouts along the dual t of Scouting and **Pro Deo et Pat** requirements in the hope of dev oping participating Christian ci zens.

For information about the **Pro D et Patria** Award write to Brothe hood Headquarters, Bethlehe Pennsylvania.

utheran Men In Bible Study Classes . .

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Iixed Classes?

Shall we separate men and women classes? How about boys and rls? At what ages may they well combined, or separated? These estions keep bobbing up, though e principles were settled years o. But we tend to be strongly in-uenced by traditions and old con-ntionalities. Actually there is no und reason why the sexes should separated at any age — unless ey prefer it.

What Tradition Says

The history of women has been most perpetual subordination to en. In most lands, through the cen-ries, men have lorded it over omen, and denied them property ghts, control over children, suf-age, education, and general equal-y. Girls and women have been re-rded as mentally inferior and in-pable of any real education or inking. Higher education for omen is only a little more than a ndred years old. Furthermore, omen were supposed to possess an il eye which could influence the ccess of men in hunting, fishing, d the like. Their glance was to be oided and they were to be kept their place. Vestiges of these fal-cies still remain. Some of them em to have as many lives as a t.

A Factual Outlook

Modern psychology has shown in irrefutable manner that men and women are inherently equal, though some gifts are possessed in larger measure by one sex or the other. Rather similar differences are found also within the ranks of either sex. Women have greater endurance and live longer than men, but men have greater physical strength and drive. But all in all, they are equals.

Men and women differ somewhat in their types of thinking. Men tend more and more to thinking in terms of work-a-day facts, whereas women reach conclusions more directly — so-called intuition. Their viewpoints and approaches to problems differ, and that is all to the good for joint thinking and problem-solving.

Values of the Inclusive Group

Despite somewhat different outlooks, men and women have largely the same interests. There are, of course, some exceptions. Several years ago, in a discussion group which included both sexes. I tried to have them reach a conclusion as to what are the topics which would interest each sex in class discussion. After considerable exchange of opinion the concluded that no such a differentiation could be made.

It is common knowledge that wherever either sex lives alone in

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TOPIC OF THE MONTH

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Topic for March, 1950

THE OTHER HALF - - - NOW!

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Pastor Lesher is a graduate of Thiel College and Mt Airy Theological Seminary. He has done graduate work in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, Western Reserve University, and Chicago Divinity School. For twenty years, as a pastor in Pittsburgh and Chicago, he successfully used laymen and laywomen as witnesses for Christ and his church.

In 1946 Pastor Lesher was called by the Board of Social Missions of The United Lutheran Church to serve as Director of Evangelism. When the Lutheran Commission on Evangelism was formed, the Board loaned him to the Commission for 1949 and 1950. With William Avery, he is the co-author of the leadership education text, "You Shall Be My Witnesses." He has contributed articles on evangelism to many periodicals.

AIMS: 1. To help members of the Brotherhood to understand the teaching and practice of Jesus and other great evangelists of the New Testament with regard to witnessing to the world.

2. To find the effective way of witnessing today, following closely the spirit and pattern of the New Testament.

3. To find our place, as individuals, in this program of evangelism.

NOTE: There is an urgency about witnessing. We need to do it now. Millions are unchurched, and the number is growing larger. Thousands in our churches are indifferent and hinder the work of the church by their example. We *dare not delay.*

Suggestions for the Discussion Leader

1. The topic material which follows may be used as a basis for a discussion at the Brotherhood meeting. If this plan is followed, it will be well to assign in advance questions on which members of the group are to give their opinions. The questions at the close of the topic will provide suggestions. Be sure that all members of the group have an opportunity to enter into the discussion. Keep prepared speeches short.

2. If some neighboring congregation has engaged in a program of visitation evangelism, invite a representative of that group to your meeting and a

n to describe the procedures follow- and the results attained.

3. Encourage members of the otherhood to read the book *"You all Be My Witnesses."* If possible ve someone present a synopsis of e book at this meeting. Perhaps ar- ngements can be made to have some ecial group of the congregation study is book.

4. Organize the men to put forth ecial effort to reclaim lapsed mem- rs of the congregation. Do it at this eting.

5. Make arrangements to show the tion picture, *"Salt of the Earth"* 6 mm., black and white sound, 45 inutes, rental $12.00). If used at the ular time of the Brotherhood meet- , it will largely replace the topic terial which follows, though a care- ly planned period of discussion uld follow the showing of the film. most cases it would be preferable to w the film at some meeting pre- ding the regular Brotherhood meet- at which the March topic will be cussed. Under any circumstances, film should be shared with as large roup as possible.

"Salt of the Earth" is a story of a l miner who is a lapsed member of church, but who is turned back to d by the faith and Christian action nother man. It is a Hollywood film duced for church use.

Worship

MN, "Jesus, Master, Whose I Am"—No. 375 C.S.B., or No. 284 P.S.H.
RIPTURE: Matthew 4:18-22
AYER: Collect No. 53, C.S.B.
ECIAL MUSIC
MN, "Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord"—No. 386 C.S.B., or No. 153 P.S.H.

The Topic

Eighty million people in the United States and Canada challenge the church today. Seventy-five million of them are completely unchurched. Five million are on church rolls, but live in various stages of indifference. The church must either win great numbers of these people, or find the United States and Canada sinking increasingly into paganism. The church dare not be content with barely holding her own. She must not be satisfied with meager gains. The situation calls for an aggressive advance in the name of Christ.

This challenge comes to both pastors and laymen. No longer dare we think of the pastor as the lone soul-winner in a congregation. We must go back to our New Testaments and discover that Christ intended every believer to be a witness. He was delighted when Andrew brought his brother Peter to Him. He was pleased with the witness of a sinful Samaritan woman who brought a community of people to hear his teaching. The Lord appointed seventy of his followers and sent them out two and two to bear witness to him. To them he said, "The harvest is truly great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

The Lutheran Church has a large potential army of lay witnesses who can be recruited. Experiments throughout the country prove that our laymen are willing to go forth to witness, and that they can do it effectively. On a single morning there came to the desk of a director of evangelism reports from

two large churches where a visitation program was in progress. In two nights 88 persons accepted the invitations to begin preparation for church membership which were extended by the witnesses of one church, and 92 accepted the invitations extended by the witnesses of the other church.

This is the way our church must respond to the challenge of our day. It warms the cockles of one's heart to think what 300,000 consecrated Lutheran laymen, trained and sent forth, could do for the kingdom of God and for the salvation of souls.

The Lutheran Commission on Evangelism

The eight bodies of the National Lutheran Council have taken a great forward step. Early in 1948 they brought into being the Lutheran Commission on Evangelism. They charged the commission with the responsibility of carrying on an aggressive church-wide program during 1949 and 1950. Since the real work of evangelism must be done in the neighborhoods where the unchurched and indifferent people live, it had to be a parish-centered program. It therefore meant planning an organization to reach almost 11,000 congregations, scattered throughout the United States and Canada. All this was accomplished, and the program was launched on the first Sunday after Epiphany 1949, by calling on every congregation to engage in prayers for this venture.

Right Motives Are Necessary

Proper motivation is basic to good evangelism. This the Lutheran Commission recognized at the very beginning of its work. It therefore addres itself to formulating a statement definition of evangelism that is sou and acceptable:

> "Evangelism is winning men for Jesus Christ. It is bringing people to a consciousness of Christ as their Lord and Saviour; instructing them and sending them forth to bear witness to their faith, especially among the indifferent, the unchurched, and the unsaved."

This definition puts Christ at t very center of the evangelistic proce It commits the evangelist to a high a noble task. Winning men to Jes Christ and to an acceptance of him their Saviour, gets right down to t bedrock of a man's soul. To help man find the way to rid himself of s through the forgiving love of Chr and to help lift him out of the u certainties of the hopes of eternal li are great transforming experiences. person so reached will be filled w joyful gratitude.

Said Jesus, "I am the way, the tru and the life: no man cometh unto t Father but by me." This we belie as Christians. But what about the p ple who are taking life into their o hands and passing Christ by? Millio of them are doing it. Many of th are our friends and neighbors. Th are missing the greatest purpose life. They are lost souls. One of o fine aged clergymen put it this w recently. "Thousands of people are g ing without Christ every day in t very shadows of our churches. Wh responsibility are they?" Jesus gave t answer on his ascension day, when

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said to the disciples and others who had gathered, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, and Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He meant us — all of us who believe in him. We are to be his witnesses to those who are passing him by.

The motives of our evangelism effort run deep. This is not a high pressure membership crusade. It is an earnest attempt to bring men into vital relationship with Christ as their Saviour.

Who Are the Witnesses Today?

Chief among the witnesses of our day is the pastor. He has been set apart to carry on a ministry in which almost every act is to win men for Christ, or to help men grow in grace and fellowship with Christ. This the pastor should continue to do with a sense of urgency. But following the pattern of the New Testament he should also become the leader of other witnesses. As Christ called the seventy, and sent them forth to bear witness to him, so the pastor should call the best of his people and send them out among the indifferent and unchurched of the neighborhood. Every congregation should have such a group of consecrated witnesses working constantly.

There are people in every congregation who possess talents to do this work. Both men and women are needed to make strong witnessing groups. Husbands and wives make especially good teams to call on prospects. Every group should incude young people, especially upper teen-agers. Those called to be witnesses should be ... good Christian character and faithful ... their devotion to the church and ... Christ. The should have some abilit... to meet people and to talk freely. The... should be representative of the peop... of the congregation.

One objective of the Lutheran Co... mission on Evangelism is to help o... congregations recruit 300,000 suc... men, women, and young people ... the end of 1950. That means about 3... from each congregation. Or to put ... in a fairer way, it represents about 1... percent of our membership. This is n... impossible. Experience in hundreds ... our churches proves that most cong... gations can get more than 10 perce... of their membership who are qualifie... and potential witnesses.

Preparing the Witnesses

Most of our people do not fe... qualified to do this work. It is new ... them and has not been a part of the... experience. In fact, many of them thi... of it as being the duty of only the pa... tor. So in every congregation where ... has never been tried, there is a feelin... of hesitancy. But when people realiz... that this is the Lord's way, and that ... is his call to them to help, they a... willing to try if proper help and pre... aration are given. Every congregati... must be prepared to give such he... and guidance if we are to succeed ... developing an effective body of w... nesses.

Proper preparation must begin wi... the individual. He should search h... own spiritual life to determine ju... what his witness might be. He ma... begin by asking himself just why ...

so devoted to the church and that
r which it stands. Soon he will find
mself thinking of his own personal
ationship with Christ, because Christ
nds at the very heart of the church.
ery Christian will find many reasons
r his faith, and these reasons will be
e basis of his strongest witness. Pas-
rs and other leaders may be of great
lp in motivating visitors for their
rk.

Good instruction on making a wit-
ssing call must also be given. There
e simple methods to follow which
ll determine the success or failure of
e best of our witnesses. The call
ould be natural and neighborly. But
must also be constructive. The wit-
ss has a purpose in making the call.
e must be sure that his purpose is
complished. He may leave with or
thout a decision. In either case he
ould leave in such a friendly manner
at the prospect will welcome another
ll from him or other members of the
urch. Let no church send forth its
nesses without proper instruction.

Finally the witnesses should go forth on the wings of prayer. This should be the natural thing for a Christian to do. He should pray for the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The witness will furnish the feet, the hands, and the tongue to bear the human witness and invitation, but he will trust mightily in the power of the Spirit to bring about the decision. Only so can we attain the high goals toward which we strive in our efforts in evangelism.

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Made to Order for the Brotherhood

It must be apparent that this program is made to order for the Brotherhood. An organization of men, the finest and best we have in the church, can get their teeth into this effort. It is a call for men especially, along with others in the congregation. There is much that can be done by the Brotherhood as an organization to help and assist in the program, both nationally and in the local church. However, the biggest contribution will be made as members of the Brotherhood present themselves, man by man, ready to serve as witnesses. Since our prospect lists are loaded with men, it requires a lot of men to do the witnessing. Let the men of the Brotherhood arise as a mighty army and say, "Send us."

Questions for Discussion

1. How many of the millions of unchurched and indifferent live in our neighborhood, and are the direct responsibility of our church?

2. What methods have been or should be used to identify these people so that our church can bring an effective witness to them?

3. Discuss the definition of evangelism given in this topic. What are the major objectives?

4. Who may be a witness for Christ and his church, and what are the qualifications?

5. What preparation should a person make before he attempts to go forth as a witness?

6. Should our church have a permanent group of lay witnesses who will assist the pastor the year around in winning our neighborhood for Christ?

7. How can the Brotherhood f most helpfully into a permanent pr gram of congregational evangelism?

Closing Worship

HYMN, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"—No. 37
PRAYER, including the Lord's Prayer
BENEDICTION
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP and REFRESHMENTS

LATEST INFORMATION

Project for the April Meeting

The material for the April topic w of necessity written long before th material will be used. It was, of cours impossible to predict developments th would take place in the interim. order that members of the Brotherho may be fully informed, a committ should be appointed to gather t latest information concerning Luther World Action. Look through rece issues of your church papers a Brotherhood publications. Write to t National Lutheran Council for t latest bulletins on Lutheran Wo Action. Gather information from yo daily newspapers and magazines. Sha all information gathered with others the April Brotherhood meeting.

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PARISH BOARD FIELD WORK

"Home and Church Working T gether for Christian Education" that will be the theme of the fie work of The Parish and Churc School Board during 1950.

For many years it has been ev dent that the church cannot effective work in Christian educ tion without the understandin sympathy, and co-operation homes. Conditions prevailing tod make the home-church partnersh even more important than in yes

ne by. The Board's emphasis for 50 represents an effort to help congegations and families to make eir co-operation more effective.

The secretaries of the Board will sit the various synods, and, at ints designated by the synodical rish education committees, will nduct a three-night course on Home-Church Co-operation in ristian Education." There will be o sessions each evening. A film ip, "That We May Work Togeth-", has been prepared for use in this urse.

Teachers, officers, organization ads, councilmen, other leaders, rents will be invited.

Earl S. Rudisill

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A Station Wagon Project

ar Editor:-

At the suggestion of Pastor F. C. mmhagen of 855 Broad Ave., dgefield, N. J., now pastor of Zion theran Church, I am enclosing an icle.

This is the A.L.M.O.'s first project. With many thanks for your coeration, I remain

Very truly yours
Philip G. Griess

The Association of Lutheran Men's ganizations, "A.L.M.O." of North n New Jersey consists of 21 otherhoods, in three counties, and four (4) years old.

t was founded through the efforts St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran urch, Teaneck, N. J., Rev. A. P. udermann, Pastor. Its first President was Mr. William Maurer.

The A.L.M.O.'s first project is to purchase a Station Wagon for the Lutheran Welfare Association, 93 Nelson Ave., Jersey City, N. J., Rev. C. Futchs, Executive Secretary.

Their Social Service Department is badly handicapped due to the lack of an automobile and must depend upon the public services offered to cover the northern half of the State.

Some of the functions of the Association are to find foster homes and adoption placements for children who come to them. During 1948 the needs of 80 children were met, 20 of which came from Europe.

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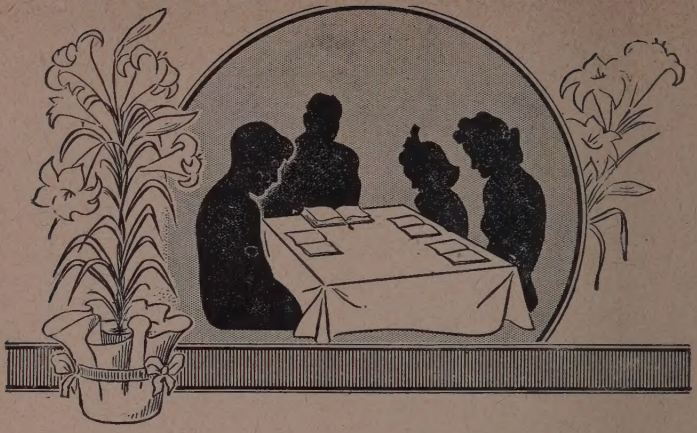

The Days That Lead To Easter

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ixed Classes . . .

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roups, life is less refined than here they live and work together. his is somewhat true in classes so. The mixed class tends toward high degree of refinement for oth. It also creates incentive for ady co-operation. Furthermore, this ose association promotes the find- g of mates within a group with ommon Christian ideals — a high- worthy outcome. Everything con- dered, mixed classes have a de- ded edge on groups in which the xes are separated.

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Meditation

vant, in this short life of mine,
As much as can be pressed
f service true for God and man;
Help me to be my best.

vant to stand when Christ appears
And hear my name confessed
mbered among the hidden ones,
His holiest and best.

vant, among the victor throng,
To have my name confessed;
d hear my Master say at last,
Well done, you did your best.

ve me, O Lord, Thy highest choice;
Let others take the rest;
eir good things have no charm for me,
For I have got Thy best.

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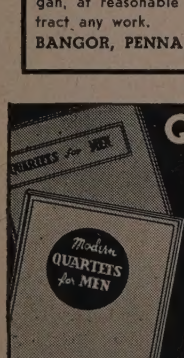

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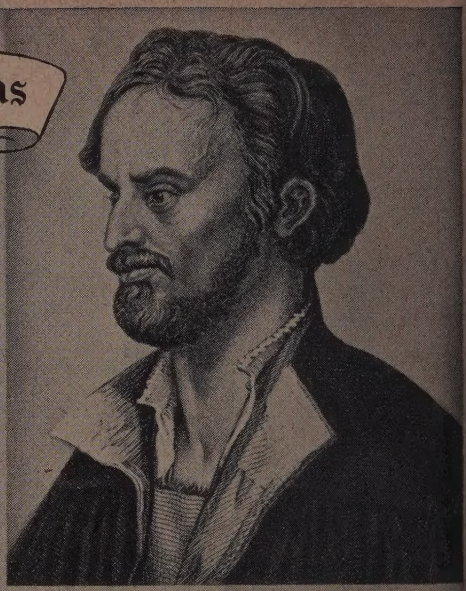

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